(c) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Labour Department enforces labour laws in factories, shops, and commercial establishments and therefore, employment of domestic servants does not come within the jurisdiction of Labour Department.

The issue regarding amendment of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 to make it more stringent and effective, was discussed in the State Labour Ministers' Conference held in July, 1997. Important suggestions made in the Conference to make the Act more stringent include (i) making the offence a cognizable one; (ii) making the penalities more stringent and deterrent; and (iii) the responsibility as to the proof of age of a child being made that of the employer. Action has already been initiated in this regard.

Amendment of Payment of Bonus Act

1354. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to amend the Payment of Bonus Act to enlarge the coverage and ceiling limit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The proposal to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 so as to raise the eligibility limit and calculation ceiling is under consideration of the Government.

Displacement of Labour

1355. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread belief as was expressed by Director General of ILO in the UNCTAD Conference held in Bangkok that the re-structuring of Industries as part of globalisation and liberalisation is leading to large scale displacement of labour, particulary, in the developing countries;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereon;

(c) whether Government are planning any comprehensive social security legislation in the light of this; and